IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

KIHARA et al

Atty. Ref.: 1114-232

Appl. No. Unknown

TC/A.U. Unknown

Filed: April 10, 2006

Examiner: Unknown

For: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR AND IMAGE FORMING

APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH THE SAME

April 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: